

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Replacement paragraphs:

[0038] The case 1 has a front case 10 and rear case 20, which together forms space for retaining information storage media 3. The case 1 is opened or closed by the folding or unfolding operation of the front case 10 and rear case 20. ~~the~~ The information storage media 3 is mounted on a recess 21 formed on the rear case 20 which is shaped after the shape of the information storage media 3 to be retained. Pluralities of locking sleeves 11, 12, 13 are formed at one side area of the front case 10 in a row. Plurality of locking sleeves 22, 23, 24, 25 are formed at one side area of the rear case 20, corresponding to the locking sleeves 11, 12, 13 of the front case 10.

[0043] In Fig. 6 or Fig. 7, reference number 40 denotes a fixing member, which is installed in a row with the hook 31 and fixes the hook 31 in the locking position. The fixing member 40 is comprised of a body 41 which has the longitudinally extended shape; a head 42 which has the shape of "L" and formed at one end of the body 41 to contact the hook 31; and a slot 43 which is formed at the other end portion of the body 41 and has the shape of "U" with its opened mouth facing the side surface of the housing 30. A rib 36 is formed inside the housing 30 to face the fixing member 40. A spring 46 is inserted between the rib 36 and the fixing member 40. The fixing member 40 is pushed against the hook 31 by the spring 46. The elastic piece 32 cannot make a swing motion, while the fixing member 40 is in contact with the hook 31, accordingly locking the hook 31 in the locking position. As described above, the fixing member 40 prevents the releasing of the locking status, by fixing the position of the hook 31 and prohibiting the elastic piece 32 from abnormal deformations and ~~et cetera et~~ cetera. Meanwhile, a movable magnetic body 45 is placed in the slot 43 of the fixing member 40, to separate the fixing member 40 from the hook 31 in the releasing

operation of the locking mechanism 2. The movable magnetic body 45 is attracted to the opposite direction from the hook 31 by ~~either~~ another magnet which is installed in the decoupler, thus separating the fixing member 40 from the hook 31.

[0044] Reference number 48 denotes a fixed magnetic body 48 which is attached to the front end of the housing 30. The fixed magnetic body 48 is attracted by ~~either~~ another magnet which is installed in the decoupler and ~~attached~~ attaches the locking mechanism 2 to the decoupler 60, thus maintaining the locking mechanism 2 within the decoupler 60.

[0046] As shown in Fig. 9, the decoupler 60 is comprised of a guiding groove 61 having the width slightly larger than the width of said case 1 and also having a an elongated shape along the longitudinal direction; a first magnet 62, which is installed beneath the lower portion of said guiding groove 61 corresponding to the ~~movable magnetic body 45~~ moving member 38; a second magnet 63, which is installed in the side portion of the guiding groove 61 corresponding to the movable magnetic body 45; and a third magnet 64, which is installed in the front portion of the guiding groove 61 corresponding to the fixed magnetic body 48. As the case 1 advances through the guiding grooves 61, to the direction of the arrow shown on the Fig. 9, the case 1 is released by the magnetic forces exerted by the magnets 62, 63, 64.

[0054] In the above-mentioned embodiments, the case 1 was comprised of the front case 10 and rear case 20 which are joined in a foldable structure and formed as one body. However, the shape and structure of the case 1 is not limited to the above-mentioned case 1. The other possible structures like, completely separable structure of front case 10 and rear case 20, or the hinge connected structure of front case 10 and rear case 20 ~~et-cetra~~ et cetera, can be employed.